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1. Location

(The Works are located on the outskirts of Lanskroun (P50/N38) between the railway station and the main road from Usti and Orlici to Brno. The factory is surrounded by a wire fence with two entrances and is guarded by armed men with rifles who patrol the perimeter at night.)

- a. Paper is obtained from the Vraný paper works.
- b. Plastics are obtained from Ruzdce in Moravska Ostrava and from Plasti-mat at Jablonec.
- c. Sheet metal (Blech) is obtained from the Rymarov Rolling Mills.

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3. Production

(The factory produces electrical equipment of all types, including resistances (250,000 a week), condensers, telephone equipment, voltmeters (400,000 a year), electrical coils, battery cells, coated paper foil (40 to 50 million a year), amplifiers, and electrical pick-ups. The so-called Military Department, which employs 90 officials and technicians, produces, under conditions of great secrecy, electrical aiming devices for aircraft.)

4. Disposal of Products

(Seventy percent of the finished products are exported to the USSR and satellite countries. The remainder of the production is used internally by other firms in the Tesla Combine. Condensers for weak and strong current are produced on five production belts for export to Poland under the supervision of a Polish engineer. Special metal-coated paper is supplied direct to the Military Department.)

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5. Transport

Finished products are transported principally by rail and also in certain cases by the factory's own trucks.

6. Power

The factory is electrically equipped throughout and has its own boilers for heating purposes.

7. Staff

The factory employs 2,400 workmen, who work in two shifts, and it is intended to increase this number to 3,500 workmen in 1950.

8. Conditions of Work

(New machinery is constantly being supplied from private firms which have been liquidated, and an extension of the factory area is at present under construction. The telephone equipment section was moved in July 1949 from Prague-Karlín to Lanskrone, and the following small firms have also been concentrated there:

- a. Ideal Kolin
- b. Palaba
- c. Slany
- d. Krasna Kupa

(The factory has a surplus of equipment and adequate supplies of raw material, and trained technicians and workmen is felt.)

(The Works director is Ing. Gejda, and the Works Engineers are Ing. Benes, Ing. Kovarovsky, and Ing. Mraz.)

Encls: Layout of the Lanskrone Plant of the Tesla Combine.

(Key to sketch of Lanskrone Plant

1. Main entrance
2. Porter's lodge and militia guard house
3. Administrative offices
4. Ground floor: Preparation of materials and boiler house  
Second floor: Production of condensers, resistances, and telephone equipment.  
Third floor: Production of electric coils, voltmeters, and battery cells
5. Yard
6. Subsidiary workshops and kitchen
7. Works store
8. Chemical store
9. Ground floor: Finished products store  
Second floor: Chemical preparation
10. Coal bunkers
11. Ground floor: Military department  
Second floor: Production of transformers, filters, frames, coil-winding machines, and electric contacts  
Third floor: Production of amplifiers and pick-ups  
Fourth floor: Apprentices' workshop, offices, and laboratories
12. Side entrance
13. Extension site under construction )

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